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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Modification of Mail Classification Schedule
Regarding First-Class Mail Single-Piece
Residual Price Table

Docket No. MC2013-30

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued January 15, 2013)

To clarify the record, the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following questions. An answer should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than January 18, 2013.

1. Please refer to Docket No. R2013-1, USPS-LR-R2013-1/1, October 11, 2012, worksheet CAPCALC-FCM-R2013.xls, tabs "SP Ltrs & Crds" and "SP Residual Pieces." The price change calculation shows that all residual pieces up to two ounces receive a rate increase from 46 cents to 48 cents.
 - a. Please confirm that the volumes in "SP Residual Pieces" represent all residual pieces whether from a mixed mailing of one- and two-ounce pieces, a mailing of all one-ounce pieces or a mailing of all two-ounce pieces.
 - b. If confirmed, please provide FY 2012 volumes for one-ounce and two-ounce residual pieces separately for mixed and non-mixed mailings.
 - c. If not confirmed, please explain how these volumes were derived.
2. Please refer to Docket No. R2013-1, USPS-LR-R2013-1/1, October 11, 2012, worksheet CAPCALC-FCM-R2013.xls, tabs "SP Ltrs & Crds" and "SP Residual Pieces."
 - a. Please confirm that in the percent change calculation, residual pieces from mixed mailings of one- and two-ounce pieces, mailings of all one-ounce

- pieces, and mailings of all two-ounce pieces are treated as paying the residual rate.
- b. If confirmed, please provide a calculation of the percentage change that reflects the price changes for the following four categories: one-ounce residual pieces from a one-ounce presort mailing, one-ounce residual pieces from a mixed presort mailing, two-ounce residual pieces from a two-ounce presort mailing, and two-ounce residual pieces from a mixed presort mailing.
 - c. If not confirmed, please explain the actual treatment of residual pieces from mixed mailings of one- and two-ounce pieces, mailings of all one-ounce pieces, and mailings of all two-ounce pieces in the percent change calculation.
3. Please refer to Docket No. R2013-1, USPS-LR-R2013-1/1, October 11, 2012, worksheet CAPCALC-FCM-R2013.xls, tabs "SP Ltrs & Crds" and "SP Residual Pieces."
- a. Please confirm that the formula in cell E5 should have been
"=ROUND(E4+(SUM('SP Residual Pieces'!C9,'SP Residual Pieces'!C18,'SP Residual Pieces'!C28,'SP Residual Pieces'!C37)*0.2)/SUM('SP Residual Pieces'!B7,'SP Residual Pieces'!B16,'SP Residual Pieces'!B26,'SP Residual Pieces'!B35,'SP Residual Pieces'!C7,'SP Residual Pieces'!C16,'SP Residual Pieces'!C26,'SP Residual Pieces'!C35),3)"
not
"=ROUND(E4+(SUM('SP Residual Pieces'!C9,'SP Residual Pieces'!C18,'SP Residual Pieces'!C28,'SP Residual Pieces'!C37)*0.2)/SUM('SP Residual Pieces'!O7,'SP Residual Pieces'!O16,'SP Residual Pieces'!O26,'SP Residual Pieces'!O35),3)".
 - b. If not confirmed, please explain in detail why the formula in cell E5 was correctly derived.

4. As proposed in this docket, please confirm that residual pieces from a two-ounce presort mailing would pay 66 cents per piece after January 27, 2013. If not, please explain.
5. As proposed in this docket, please confirm that residual pieces from a one-ounce presort mailing would pay 46 cents per piece after January 27, 2013. If not, please explain.
6. As proposed in this docket, please confirm that if a presort mailing of two-ounce pieces contained one one-ounce mailpiece, a residual piece from that mailing would pay 48 cents per piece after January 27, 2013. If not, please explain.
7. Please address the following hypothetical. A mailer's presort mailing contains both one-ounce and two-ounce pieces. The residual from that presort mailing contains only two-ounce pieces. Under the change proposed in this docket, what price per piece would the mailer pay for its residual pieces?
8. Does any of the information provided in response to questions 1-7 above change the price cap calculation? (39 C.F.R. 3010 subpart C). Please explain your answer.
9. Please explain why the change proposed in this docket is not a rate change, requiring 45 days' advance notice. (39 C.F.R. 3010.1).

By the Chairman.

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